

ROY COOPER Governor DIONNE DELLI-GATTI Secretary

April 14, 2021

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NUMBER 7749
BETWEEN
Town of Sunset Beach
AND THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Pursuant to the North Carolina General Contract Terms and Conditions (Contractual and Consultant Services) Clause pertaining to Amendments of Contract No. 7749, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and the Contractor mutually agree to change the contract ending date from 06/30/2021 to 06/30/2023. This no-cost time extension is to allow the Contractor to complete the project. Please see attachment A.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER THIS CONTRACT REMAINS THE SAME.

It is the intent of this amendment to address the provision(s) noted only, and in no way should this amendment be construed to further modify this contract. All other terms and conditions remain the same. Please indicate acceptance by your signature below.

Town of Sunset Beach

Kasen Kelly

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Tommy Kirby, Purchasing Director

Return one (1) original-signed documents to the address specified below for execution by the Department:

wanda.andrews@ncdenr.gov

This amendment when fully executed by all parties will be forwarded to the Contractor.

cc: Kevin Hart, NC DEQ Division of DWR

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DEQ CONTRACT FORM - AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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April 05, 2021

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North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
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via email kevin.hart@ncdenr.gov

RE: Grant Contract No 7749 – Town of Sunset Beach Shallow Draft Navigation Project Request for Grant Extension

Dear Mr. Hart,

On behalf of the Town of Sunset Beach (Town), please accept this request for an extension to grant number 7749 for the Town of Sunset Beach Shallow Draft Navigation project. The project has pushed forward since the grant inception in 2016, but now requires a second time extension to complete the construction activities. The Town anticipated completion of the work prior to March 2021, however, unanticipated permitting requirements have slowed the project progress. The regulatory issues appear to be resolved as the project has recently received the State of North Carolina CAMA Major Permit Modification and the state's 401 Water Quality Certification. Please find these documents attached for your reference. The final permit requirement, which consist of the USACE federal individual permit, should be issued within the next few weeks. Issuance of the last remaining permit will allow project construction prior to March 31, 2023. As such, the Town request the grant extension to allow for reimbursement of project related activities through June 30, 2023.

The Town has aggressively pursued alternatives to move the project forward, including extensive coordination with the environmental agencies and project stakeholders. However, due to the unique circumstances of Sunset Beach, this process has experienced a convoluted path. The navigation project will excavate beach compatible material from within the Tubbs Inlet littoral zone. In accordance with North Carolina General Statues, this material must remain within the Tubbs Inlet system. Coupled with this requirement, the adjacent shorelines have maintained a relatively stable position and in some areas experienced accretion. As a result, the upland property owners have refused to allow the beach compatible material to be placed along the shorefront, on their private property. The most economical and environmental acceptable alternative for the Town to complete the project under this condition entails placing the material in the nearshore adjacent to Sunset Beach. The Town has spent over 12 months coordinating with the applicable environmental resource agencies, such as the State of North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management and

Mayor Shannon Phillips • Mayor Pro-Tem: John Corbett Town Council: Thomas Bormann • Jan Harris • Charles Nern • Jamie Phillips similar federal agencies to address the environmental concerns associated with nearshore placement. This work has resulted in an environmental acceptable alternative that will meet the project needs, but obviously has delayed project completion.

The anticipated schedule moving forward includes issuance of the federal individual permit prior to May 2021. Issuance of the federal permit will allow construction of the project to commence immediately. However, current environmental regulations require a dredging moratorium from April 1 to November 16 for this project. Thus, the project cannot be completed until at least the 2021 – 2022 dredge season. Furthermore, due to the project scope the project may not be completed until the 2022-2023 dredge season. The project requires removal of approximately 64,000 cubic yards (cyd) of material through mechanical dredging procedures. Typical rates for mechanical operations equal approximately 2,000 cyds per week. Therefore, the mechanical dredging operations could extend approximately 32 weeks. Assuming the mechanical operations initiate on November 16, 2021, the Town would have approximately 20 weeks to complete the project prior to March 31, 2022. Therefore, some construction activities could extend into the 2022-2023 dredge season. (Please note the project also entails some hydraulic dredging efforts, but these efforts will not be the driving force to complete the project.)

The Sunset Beach Shallow Draft Navigation project remains a vital component of the local economy and navigation goals established by the Town. In addition, the Town greatly appreciates the grant opportunity provided by the Division of Water Resources and will continue to keep your staff updated with the project status through monthly progress reports. As the representative agent for the Town, Moffatt & Nichol remains dedicated to assisting all project stakeholders accomplish this important priority to the Town and State of North Carolina. In that respect, please feel free to reach out if additional information would assist with the review and determination for the grant extension request.

Sincerely,

Town of Sunset Beach

Lisa Aligilii

Assistant Town Administrator

cc. Tara Dropp, Finance Director, Town of Sunset Beach (tdropp@sunsetbeachnc.gov)
Katie Finegan, Assistant Project Manager, Moffatt & Nichol (kfinegan@moffattnichol.com)
Robert Neal. Project Manager, Moffatt & Nichol (Rneal@moffattnichol.com)